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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 63-73 are hereby withdrawn; claims 43-62 remain. Claim 62 has been amended to correct dependency.

Election/Restriction

A restriction requirement has been imposed on the claims – specifically: Group I (claims 43-62, drawn to a method of synthesizing a germanium sulfide); and Group II (claims 63-73, drawn to a compound of germanium sulfide).

In response, the Applicant hereby elect the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 43-62) for examination on the merits at this time. This election is being made without traverse.

Petition (Request) for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to response to the Office action of June 22, 2009. The one-month extension extends the date for response to August 24, 2009.

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